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Daniel Letourneau, Esq.

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Dear M. Letourneau:

I have received your letter of 4 August, in which you write me of the research you are doing toward reconstructing the true history of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris.

I never had the opportunity to meet Admiral Canaris personally, though I had studied his history and background, and was indirectly in touch with him from time to time. I put in my book, Germany's Underground, to which you refer, something of what I knew about him during the latter war days, and about all I feel I can add is this:—

He seemed to me to be a man torn between his conscience and what he conceived to be his duty toward his country and his commander-in-chief. From all I know of the facts, it seemed to me his conscience won, and he risked and lost his life following the dictates of conscience.

I shall look forward with great interest to learning of the outcome of your own research, and I trust that you will be successful in finding the documents in the Archives which will help you in your work.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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